

**Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:00 PM**

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Maurice DePalo, Thomas Fiore, Philip Hammond, John Lebeaux and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants, #0661 in the amount of \$1,604,188.87, and #0664 in the amount of \$1,879,597.82. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Approve Minutes of January 23, 2006. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
3. Announcements – Mr. Lebeaux announced that high school principal Daniel Gutekanst has accepted an appointment as Superintendent of the Needham Public Schools. The Town of Shrewsbury was fortunate to have had him for eleven years. Mr. Lebeaux extended the congratulations and best wishes of the Board to Mr. Gutekanst.
4. Town Manager's Report - Nothing other than what is on the agenda. Mr. Morgado advised that he would be not be seeking an executive session this evening.

Mr. Hammond called for Reorganization of the Board.

Meetings:

5. 7:05pm – Shrewsbury Development Corporation. Pat Convery, Hannah Kane and Christopher Mehne of the SDC and Michael Hale, Asst. Town Manager were present. Mr. Convery reviewed the activities of the SDC to date. He advised the Board that the market for office space was improving but it still remains soft and there is currently a great deal of vacant office space available making the need for new building unnecessary. He added that the SDC still believes that it will be several years before the market will improve to the point where the Allen property could be developed. Mr. Convery advised that the SDC is working with Charles River Labs who purchased the HP property to market the property to businesses that are associated with them. In response to a question from Mr. Fiore, Mr. Hale said that the only interest they had received from the billboard on Route 20 had been from those interested in the property for trucking terminals and car facilities and the Town is not interested in those types of businesses. After questions from the Board and a short discussion Mr. Lebeaux suggested that in light of the slow market that instead of giving the Board an update every three months that the updates be held every six months. However, if something comes up the Board would like to be informed. The Board and SDC members unanimously agreed with Mr. Lebeaux's suggestion.

Public Hearings:

6. 7:15pm – Gilbane Building Company, 334 South Street, storage of propane for temporary building heat, 24 hours a day/seven days per week. Don Foster and Shawn Shelley from Gilbane were present. Mr. Lebeaux advised that all reports from department heads were favorable. Mr. Foster explained they need these propane tanks in order to heat the building during renovations. Once the weather improves and renovations are completed they will no longer be needed. Mr. Lebeaux opened the meeting for public comment. As there was none, motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing. Motion was made seconded and unanimously voted to approve the application of Gilbane Building Company for storage of propane for temporary building heat.

Old Business:

New Business:

7. Reorganization of Board. Mr. Card nominated John Lebeaux as chairman, Mr. DePalo seconded the motion and the nomination was unanimously approved. Mr. DePalo nominated Thomas Fiore as vice chairman, Mr. Hammond seconded and the Board unanimously voted to approve. The new Board officers are John Lebeaux, Chairman, Thomas Fiore, Vice Chairman, and Bruce Card remains as Clerk. Mr. Lebeaux assumed the chair.
8. Act on Statement of Support for the National Guard & Reserve. Mr. Lebeaux reviewed the statement which pledges that employment will not be denied, job and career opportunities will not be reduced or limited and leaves of absence granted without sacrifice of vacation to employees serving in the Guard or Reserve. Mr. Morgado advised that the Town of Shrewsbury provides health benefits to those serving in the military as well as the practices set forth in the statement. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the statement and to authorize Mr. Lebeaux to sign as Chairman of the Board.
9. Colonial Caterer, LLC, Kevin Kromer, Chef Manager, Elks Lodge 1466, Cudworth Road, Webster, MA. One Day Wine & Malt Beverages License for Webster Five Bank, 261 Grafton Street, Opening V.I.P. Private Party on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the application as stated.
10. Appoint/reappoint Central Mass. Emergency Medical Systems Corp. representatives. Motion was made to reappoint Chief Gerald LaFlamme and Linda Gosselin as representatives. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
11. St. John's Gala, 378 Main Street, One Day All Alcohol License, Saturday, April 1, 2006 from 6:00pm to 12:00 midnight. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the application for the St. John's Gala as stated.
12. Set Date Special Town Meeting. Mr. Morgado suggested two dates for the special town meeting, Monday, April 24 or Tuesday, April 25. As the Board has a meeting scheduled for April 24th, the Board determined that April 25th would be the better date. Motion was made to hold a special town meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:00pm at Shrewsbury High School. Motion was seconded and unanimously approve. Mr. Morgado advised that the warrant would be available for the Board's signatures on Monday, April 3rd.

Executive Session:

13. Collective bargaining, pending litigation, and value of real property.

Communications:

14. Noted copy mailed: Notice from Dept. of Housing & Community Development re Funding Availability Community Block Grant Program FY 2006.
15. Noted copy mailed: City & Town Vol. 19, No. 1, January 2006.
16. Noted copy mailed: Notice of MEPA Consultation Session & Site Visit EOE #13708 Borgatti Property
17. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Marcelle Carter, 17 Stone Avenue, re Facilities Proposal. Suggestions about fire headquarters, Mr. Lebeaux will respond.
18. Noted copy mailed: Dept. of Revenue Bulletins 2006-01B-Training Program for Assessors & 2006-02B-New Name for DLS Legal Bureau & Customer Service Procedures.
19. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Gerald Nowosacki, 21 Shepard Lane, re reappointment to the Human Services Advisory Committee. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve Gerald Nowosacki for a three year term on the Human Services Advisory Committee expiring on 1/31/09.
20. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Rep. Polito to Joint Committee on Housing re House Bill 1571, An Act Relative to Low & Moderate Income Housing. Board will send letter of support.
21. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Town of Kingston Administrator Kevin Donovan re lottery distribution.
22. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Shrewsbury Garden Club re Annual Town Clean-up. Clean up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd.
23. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Ruby Schwartz, 200 Cherry Street, re Cherry Street. Mr. Morgado advised that Engineering has checked and the matter will be resolved.

24. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Aileen Lemoine, 12 Eaton Place, re Budget Plans in Town.
25. Noted copy mailed: Notice from Central MA MPO re Regional Transportation Plan 2006 Update Meetings. Mr. DePalo advised that a series of hearings have been scheduled on this subject and one will be held in the CMRPC headquarters in Worcester on February 16th.
26. Noted copy mailed: MMA Action Alert #1 – 1/25/06 re Governor's Budget.
27. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Paula Collins, 31 Flagg Road, re consider override.
28. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Dept. of Public Safety re Sunday licenses for coin-operated amusement devices.
29. Noted copy mailed: Notice of Availability of Phase V Inspection & Monitoring Report from CEA re Mobil Station, 298 Hartford Turnpike.
30. Noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Agenda, 2/1/06.
31. Noted copy mailed: E-mails from Shelle Wheeler, 74 North Street, re 2 _ Override.
32. Noted copy mailed: Receipt of Payment from Treasurer for Sophie's Restaurant. The problem has been resolved.
33. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Judy Vedder, 15 Pheasant Hill Drive, re Prop 2 _ needed.
34. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Tammy & Michael Evans, 30 Lake Street, re Override.
35. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Andrew Carlson, 261 Old Mill Road, re Operational Override.
36. Noted copy mailed; E-mail from Carolyn & Greg Ambrose, 3 Joseph Road, re Override.
37. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Darlene Noonan, 44 Rawson Hill Drive, re Shrewsbury Schools.
38. Noted copy mailed: E-mails from Lauren Schmautz, 15 Crane Circle, re Override.
39. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Lisa-Holly Sooy, 52 Boylston Circle, re Shrewsbury Schools.
40. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Suzanne Solat, 183 North Street, re School Budget.
41. Noted copy mailed: SELCO Meeting Minutes, 1/9/06.
42. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Phil & Mary Pritchard, 7 Heatherwood Drive, re Budget/Prop 2 _
43. Noted mailed: Letter from Donald & Christine Lynch, 20 Toblin Hill Drive, re funding for public schools.
44. Noted copy mailed: Environmental Notification Form for Borgatti Property, Northborough from Waterman Design (complete file in BOS office).
45. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Patricia Babin, 15 Harvard Avenue, expressing interest in reappointment to the Human Services Advisory Committee. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve Patricia Babin for a three year term on the Human Services Advisory Committee expiring on 1/31/09.
46. Noted copy mailed: Letter from John Lukach, 4 Bunker Hill Road, re Major Flaw in the 2005 Shrewsbury Citizen Survey Final Report. The Board did not concur with Mr. Lukach's assessment as this was a general survey and not specific to any particular issue. Matters will remain as they are at present.
47. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Highway Supt. John Knipe re Snow Storm Report, 1/23/06. Mr. Morgado advised that things are on target at present but the hired equipment account could reach a deficit if there is another storm. Supt. Knipe feels that before winter is over that there will be a deficit in this account.
48. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Karen Coulombe, 12 Crane Circle, re Budget Process.
49. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Polly Kimmitt, 1 Kemble Drive, re Prop 2 _.
50. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Hugh O'Rawe, 22 Forest Avenue, re School Funding.
51. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Gerald Bowen, 25 Cross Street, re Tree Scheduled to be Cut Down on Cross Street. The tree in question is part of the project on North Street.
52. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Leonard Tocman, 50 Mercury Drive, re School Funding.
53. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Ellen Gansler, 50 Stoney Hill Road, re 2 _.
54. Noted copy mailed: Thank you from Jean Murray, Exec, Director, Worcester County Food Bank re Shrewsbury Day. Mr. Lebeaux advised that this event was well attended and that much was learned about hunger in this country and in the Town. He added that volunteers are welcome at the Food Bank.
55. Noted copy mailed: Veolia Water, Toxicity Report, December 2005.
56. Noted copy mailed: Evaluation Forms for MMA Annual Meeting & Trade Show.

57. Noted copy mailed: Suburban Coalition 2006 Position Paper and membership dues invoice. The Board will not join the Coalition at this time.
58. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Kathy Reynolds, 16 Arch Street, re School Budget.
59. Noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Minutes, 1/4/06.
60. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Kristine Palermo, 2 Weagle Farm Road, re School Funding.
61. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Gail Flynn, 784 Grafton Street, re School Budget.
62. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Annette Lekas, 5 Carter Road, re proposition 2 _.
63. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Barbara Calkins, 646 South Street, re Budget Cuts.
64. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Susan Ceppi, 4 Hemlock Circle, re Budget.
65. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Jennifer Schaefer, 29 Birch Lane, re Schools.
66. Noted copy mailed: E-mail & fax from Pankaj Didwania, 59 No. Quinsigamond Avenue, re No. Quinsigamond Avenue issue. Mr. Morgado advised that Mr. Didwania had written before on this subject and he is dissatisfied with the Board's response and the Town's actions. He has made comments about road conditions which the Highway Dept. will check out when weather permits. It is doubtful that what he wants can be done.

Mr. Lebeaux announced that the Board's agenda closes at 3:00pm on the Friday before a meeting. He added that all e-mails/letters sent to the Board must contain the sender's home address. Home addresses are needed as e-mail addresses do not identify where the sender resides.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:50pm. On a roll call vote Mr. Card, yes, Mr. Hammond, yes, Mr. Fiore, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, and Mr. Lebeaux, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. McCoy
Secretary